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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	99-1001
First Named Inventor	Randall A. Addington
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	/
Filing Date	
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	W.M. Pierce

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A Bowler's Finger Pad Shield

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

is attached hereto
OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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09/130,905	08/07/98	

Additional U.S. or PCT international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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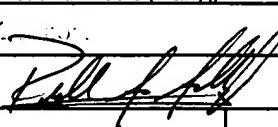
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Title: A Bowler's Finger Pad Shield

Attorney Docket 99-1001

Applicants: Randall A. Addington, et al.

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Declaration Under Rule 132

I, W. Robert Addington, Doctor of Osteopathy, make the following declaration.

1. I am one of the named inventors in Patent Application No. 09/130,905, filed 08/07/98, with the title "Bowler's Aid," and in the continuing application mailed 9/10/99.
2. I am active in the sport of bowling, as it is known and played in the United States. Over the last 3 years, I have been an active bowler.
3. I am a American Medical Association Board Certified Physician in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation since 1994. As a Board Certified Physician, my medical practice is in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation. From my training and experience, I am skilled in human muscular skeletal development. I know there exists a limit to that development and the maximum force which can be applied to a bowling ball, for example with a weight range up to 16 pounds as is currently prescribed by the American Bowling Congress. The "finger pad" is well known as the area on the end of the finger between the tip of the finger and the third finger joint and on the bottom of the finger opposite the finger nail.
4. I have read the Declaration of Randall A. Addington, made in this Application and understand its contents.
5. As a Board Certified Physician in physical medicine and rehabilitation, I can state with a reasonable degree of scientific certainty that where a bowler applies his or her maximum strength through the finger pad part of the finger, against the interior wall of the bowling ball finger hole, in releasing the bowling ball, the force produced by said bowling ball against the bowler's finger pad is with a

range, limited by maximum bowling ball weight and the limit of muscular skeletal development.

6. The inventive concept, as described and claimed in my earlier filed Patent Application 09/130,905, filed 08/07/98 is of a finger pad shield made of a rigid material for resisting the force produced by a bowling ball, as described in 3., above, when a bowler, such as myself is using the maximum force to release the bowling ball. The weight of bowling ball I currently prefer is 15 pounds. Accordingly, the force produced by the bowling ball will be within a range determined by the maximum limit for a bowling ball weight and the limit of muscular skeletal development.

All of the foregoing statements are made upon knowledge or, as stated, are made upon information or belief. All of the foregoing statements are made under knowledge of the punishments and penalties for perjury, under the Criminal Code of the United States of America.


W Robert Addington, D.O.
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I, Randall A. Addington, make the following declaration.

1. I am one of the named inventors in Patent Application No. 09/130,905, filed 08/07/98, with the title "Bowler's Aid."
2. I am active in the sport of bowling, as it is known and played in the United States. Over the last 3 years, I have bowled about 30 lines a week and have participated in 20 American Bowling Congress sanctioned tournaments.
3. To my knowledge, the American Bowling Congress is the bowler's authority for prescribing the official sizes and weights of bowling balls used in American Bowling Congress sanctioned tournaments and has become the recognized standard for specifying the range of, and limits to, bowling ball size and weight..
4. My inventive concept, as described and claimed in Patent Application No. 09/130,905, filed 08/07/98, with the title "Bowler's Aid," and in the continuing application mailed 9/10/99, is of a finger pad shield made of a rigid material for resisting the force produced by a bowling ball, as described in 3., above, when a bowler, such as myself is using maximum force to release the bowling ball. The weight of bowling ball I currently prefer is 15 pounds.

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